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COTTON PROGRESS AHEAD OF THE FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

As of July 2, **Cotton** squaring is ahead of last year and the five year average. **Cotton** was reported as 90 percent squared, compared to 85 percent last year and 88 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** setting bolls was reported as 39 percent complete.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained relatively constant compared with last week. Alfalfa harvest was reported as 56 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 11 percent moderate, and 28 percent active. Alfalfa condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 46 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 3 percent good. Livestock were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Stock Water was reported as short to adequate. Soil Moisture was reported as short. Insect Damage was reported as light.

As of July 2, 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 100 percent of **Barley**, 100 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 100 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **harvested**.

Temperatures throughout the State were above average for the week of July 2. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, Kingman, and Parker to 2 degrees below normal at Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 44 degrees at Grand Canyon, and Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported throughout the State. Precipitation ranged from 1.69 inches at Douglas to 0.04 inches at Phoenix.

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped beauty, flames and perlette grapes, cantaloupes. honeydews, potatoes. watermelons and zante currants. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped an assortment of grapes and melons. Grape shipments included beauty, flame and perlette. Melon shipments included canary, cantaloupes, casaba, crenshaw, honeydew, orange flesh, persian, santa claus, sharlyn, specialty and watermelons.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **valencias.** Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JUNE 25-JULY 1, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	4	95	57	0.00	2.53	3.40
Casa Grande	89	2	108	74	0.00	2.19	2.84
Coolidge	88	2	111	70	0.10	2.39	3.14
Douglas	79	-1	100	64	1.69	2.89	2.60
Flagstaff	64	2	84	44	0.93	6.60	9.33
Gila Bend	92	2	108	78	0.00	2.25	2.20
Grand Canyon	64	4	87	44	0.21	6.39	6.43
Kingman	80	4	98	69	0.26	2.19	3.93
Parker	91	4	110	80	0.00	0.66	1.79
Payson	74	2	97	56	0.57	7.34	8.28
Phoenix	91	3	107	77	0.04	3.33	2.72
Prescott Airport	73	3	90	59	0.81	3.84	4.07
Safford Ag Center	82	0	104	66	0.67	1.45	2.52
Tucson	86	-2	102	65	0.50	2.74	3.01
Willcox	78	1	102	65	0.16	3.01	3.05
Winslow	75	3	94	55	0.22	1.82	2.42
Yuma	91	2	107	80	0.00	0.30	0.98

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.